UNIMAS Holdings Sdn Bhd and Klinik UNIMAS Sebayor staff posing for a group photograph after the clinic opening ceremony.

UNIMAS opens affordable clinic for public

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GIVING the thumbs up to Klinik UNIMAS Sebayor after its official opening.

KOTA SAMARAHAN: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) is proud of its Sebayor clinic which will provide services at affordable charges.

The Chairman of UNIMAS Holding Sdn Bhd, Dato Peter Minos, said the clinic will be an alternative for the people in the area who do not have to face high cost for medical services which has been on the rise especially at private clinics.

He said the various services provided by the UNIMAS clinic would included medical consultations and minor surgeries.

The clinic would be managed by medical officers assisted by nurses and a support team, he said.

Minos was speaking at the official opening ceremony of the UNIMAS Sebayor Clinic here yesterday.

He added that the clinic cost more than RM 300, 000 to set up and the charges for services would be cheaper compared to private clinics.

"The purpose of establishing UNIMAS Sebayor Clinic is to serve the public with a medical centre that charges affordable price," he said.

With the existence of the clinic , UNIMAS will play a vital role in social responsibility while at the same time upgrade its status of a research university before 2015, he said.

"The clinic situated in Desa Ilmu, Samarahan will be open from nine in the morning to nine in the evening. On Saturday, the clinic will be open from nine in the morning to one in the afternoon. It will only be closed on Sunday and public holidays," he said.

Also present at the event were UNIMAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Khairuddin Ab. Hamid and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Prof Madya Mohd Fadzil Abd Rahman.

UNIMAS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid (second right) cutting the ribbon to open Klinik UNIMAS Sebayor. Looking on are (from left) Klinik UNIMAS Sebayor/Sebayor Medical Centre Medical Director Asso. Prof. Dr. Kamarudin Kana, UNIMAS Holdings Sdn Bhd Chairman Dato' Peter Minos, its General Manager Robert Malong, and UNIMAS Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Peter Songan (right). PHOTOS: JOHN CHAN

MINOS (right) and Khairuddin (second right) sharing a light moment with medical students attending the opening of Klinik Unimas Sebayor.

UNIMAS proposes building teaching hospital on campus

KOTA SAMARAHAN: The establishment of a teaching hospital at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) has been a goal for it to become a research university.

It will also provide enhanced medical services to the people by the year 2015.

UNIMAS Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr. Khairuddin Abdul Hamid said the university required such a centre to complete the range of education in medical field. He was speaking during the official opening of the Sebayor UNIMAS clinic here yesterday.

"UNIMAS has already sent the proposal to Federal government to build a hospital on the campus under the 10th Malaysia Plan," he said.

At the moment the public university was still waiting for the federal government's decision to fund the high expenditure of building the facility, he said.

"If the hospital proposal is approved, it will benefit the country because a university hospital plays a vital role especially in education and research. The only problem we have at the moment is financial support," he explained.

The hospital beds alone will require about RM1.3 billion even at a reduced quantity from 600 beds to 400 beds, he said.

Every year UNIMAS is capable of producing at least 80 doctors and the number of doctors has been increasing from year to year, he said.

He hoped that with the teaching hospital would be established to provide students with more academic as well as practical skills through the use of modern equipment, he said.